

5    Abstract of the Disclosure

          A system, method, and processor readable medium containing code embodied therein are provided that enable system users to view one or more system user's status and to establish communications with the one or more system users using a user indicator in an electronic document (*e.g.*, electronic mail message, hypertext markup language  
10   document). The user indicator may be a system user's login identification presented as a hypertext link to one or more communication options. The system may include an identification module for identifying the one or more system users. The identification module may identify a system user's login identification (*e.g.*, the system user's name, employee number) and provide the system user's status using the user indicator. A status  
15   module, responsive to the identification module, provides the status of the system users. The status module may provide a visual indication of a system user's status using, for example, color coding, formatting, symbols, etc. A communication module for establishing a communication link with the one or more system users using the user indicator may also be provided. The communication module may be used to establish a  
20   variety of communications with one or more of the system users. For example, a user may chat, telephone, transmit an electronic mail message, share one or more application programs (*e.g.*, whiteboard presentations), fax, or page one or more of the system users by selecting (*e.g.*, by using a conventional computer mouse or keyboard) the communication desired using user indicator.